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- b. providing a dry under-layer formed of densely packed fibers;
- c. tightly wrapping said under-layer circumferentially around said roll core base;
- d. applying a covering layer over the dry under-layer; and,
- e. infusing a low-viscosity thermoset resin with vacuum into said dry under-layer to cause said resin to intimately bind with said densely packed fibers of said under-layer.

Please replace Claim 25 with the following:

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25. (Amended) A method as in Claim 22 wherein said sub-steps b through f are carried out while the covered roll is oriented substantially horizontally.

Please add the following new Claim 27 as follows:

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27. A method as in Claim 21 wherein said roll core base has a longitudinal axis, wherein said under-layer comprises at least three sub-layers, with each of said sub-layers being formed of densely packed long continuous fibers, and wherein said dry under-layer is provided so that the fibers of one of said at least three sub-layers extend parallel to said longitudinal axis, the fibers of another of said at least three sub-layers extend perpendicularly to said longitudinal axis, and the fibers of still another of said at least three sub-layers extend randomly.

REMARKS

~~Claims 1 - 27 appear in this application, with Claims 21 - 25 having been elected pursuant~~
to a Restriction Requirement, Claim 1 - 20 and 26 having been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to that Restriction Requirement, with Claims 21 and 25 having been amended and Claim 27 added to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Claims 21 and 24 were rejected as being obvious over United States Letters Patent No. 5,601,920 (Paasonen et al.) in view of either United States Letters Patent No. 4,368,568 (Watanabe) or United States Letters Patent No. 3,490,119 (Fukuyama et al.). Claims 22, 23 and 25 were rejected as being obvious over the references applied to Claims 21 and 24 in further view of United States Letters Patent No. 5,411,463 (Bookstein) and United States Letters Patent No.